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School children may well rejoice that they live in times in which such delightfully vague geography answers as "A British' port" or "Somewhere in France" have official indorsement,

If the present Peruvian revolt was started with any idea of ousting the Russian revolution from first-page newspaper space, there has been a serious miscalculation in South America.

The reported food riots in Germany do not necessarily argue a lack of pro visions in the empire. We have had our own little affairs of this sort in an era of "unprecedented prosperity."

William the Second's reported nervousness and superstitiousness suggests that Sir J. M. Barrie's and Bernard Shaw's cerie little "spook" plays concerning the Kaiser may after all contain more fact than fancy.

Count Tarnowski, who is reported to have given up hope of being officially received by the State Department, will have to console himself with the Stevensonian philosophy that "it is better to travel than to arrive."

The seasons can always be deed on to supply Russia with a fine ot of military officers. "General January" downed Napoleon, and now "General Thaw" is greatly worrying the Germans who long to advance toward Petrograd.

Helpless Persia might thus revise

A horde of Russians in a Turkish row, The English rushing fast as they know

To form a junction, have together

Neutrality a mockery enow!

Uncle Sam's abilities as a real es tate buyer seem to have deteriorated since value the million square miles of the strikes? buge cession of 1803 would have cost us approximately \$20,000,000,000,

Bonar Law, who got 8,000,000 Brit. ishers to lend their country \$5,000,000,000 incidentally saving enough in interest charges to build a Philadelphia subway system, was never an advertising man. But he made a few phrases that will not die. A man who can write "Are you going to give your sons and not your money?" and "What Mr. Wilson is longing for we are fighting for" need never

The cruelty of war times is vividly exemplified in the insistence of the Massachusetts Legislature that "The Star-Spangled Banner" shall only be sung in public places as an entire composition. The average American starts off very bravely with his "O, say, can you see," but falls back on the hopeless "la, la, la," long before the last verse is reached. Memoriging all of Francis Scott Key's curiously elusive poem is certainly among the duties of preparedness.

Modern French courage in facing facts-the very faculty so conspicuously lacking in "practical" England at the beginning of the war-is strikingly displayed in the sobering remarks of War Minister Painleve on the German withdrawal. "The retreat," he told the Deputies, "is evidently rather by reason of the force of the Anglo-French armies and the prudence of their co-ordination than because of the weakening on the part of the German army." Plainly the days of the oily tongued Boulangers in France, or even of the unselfish yet no less flamboy. ant Paul Derouledes, are no more.

No complaint that it is impossible to tell at this time just what arm of preparedness the Government wants trengthened can be valid until the navy recruited to its full capacity. Every mows that the war will put the navy mmediate use. Pride in fighting with ce of American resourcefulness necessity of home defense may us raise large armies. Enthusiastic drilling in armories may on their labors are going of the instant naval need

population of the country, the demand WHAT AMERICA IS sems extremely modest. The case takes on a different aspect when the huge proportion of rejections over acceptances is considered. So many men are turned down for slight physical defects that a hundred per cent increase in applicants is said to be essential before the gap is filled. There are many easy yet potent ways to develop naval recruiting. Town and city shopkeepers throughout the land can aid the cause by displaying navy placards prominently in show windows. No preparedness meeting should neglect to emphasize the navy's need of more man power. All the pages of American army history are not bright. But the navy, on which we all rely for first blows, has a dazzling record which must be

CAREFUL!

maintained.

in Flanders and on other fields of war to enlist England permitted skilled workers to go to the front. In this tremendous struggle of industrial forces, the autcome of which depends on the productive power of the nations as much as on their fighting men, it is imperative diminished.

Philadelphia is the very center of American production. Our shops are filled with skilled laborers. The patriotof enlistment. Let them understand that they can enlist for production as well as for fighting. Let no skilled man be taken from a lathe to be put behind a gun. We must profit from the mistakes made by other unprepared nations in their great rush to make ready. We must conserve our fighting resources, and the first place to conserve them is inthe factories whence come the means of fighting.

OUR KIEL CANAL

ASK the average person what has been the chief factor in preventing a complete victory of Britain's fleet over Germany's and he will answer. "The Kiel-

Take home the lesson of that strategic waterway and then consider our own blind folly of neglecting to deepen the ancient, absurdly shallow ship passage between the Delaware and Chesapeake Bays. Improvements to the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal have been monotonously postponed for generations. Now war confronts us and it is strikingly evident that if our torpedoboats and smaller war craft could steam through inland waterways, natural and artificial, from Norfolk, Newport News or Baltimore direct to Philadelphia, we could afford to laugh at certain possible phases of Ger-side of Germany? man scacoast menace.

In a letter to the Philadelphia Bourse Joseph E. Ransdell, president of the Rivers and Harbors Congress, pertinently selves and bide our time. It is no cause sion to heed such words.

provision made for Government control of are too great for a cheap victory, one the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal and gained by bluff or the rush of trementhe development of it to satisfy vital dons forces into battle. The stakes are strategic needs. Further indifference to free life on the glob. We must simply such a step is criminal unpreparedness. | keep feeding our nature strength into

WHAT GOMPERS FEARS

MR. GOMPERS is afraid of his own shadow. In crying out against the decision of the organized community to prevent strikes on public utilities, he is attacking that very principle of organization which made the railroad brotherwe paid France \$15,000,000 for Louisiana hoods strong and proud. Did he think Territory. For the 138 square miles of that "we, the people of the United States," the Virgin Isles in the West Indies the couldn't form a labor union, with the United States on Saturday will pay Den- President and the Chief Justice at its mark \$25,000,000. At this rate of land head, prepared to go on strike against

CHILDISH OBSTRUCTIONISM

THE suspicious attempt at Harrisburg to be hurriedly humane to Philadelphia's future should be defeated. Mere defeat, which seems probable, is not enough. The up-State members, who already have shown a determination to defeat factional measures of Philadelphia politicians, will have the chance to snow under the amendment designed to change the status of this city's borrowing capacity. That capacity was increased by 3 per cent of assessed valuations, this increase to be devoted to borrowing only for transit and port development, Now the attempt is made to let this 3 per cent include other than transit and port loans. What is this development that has suddenly loomed up as so much more important than transit and port? What loan is Philadelphia planning to contract that has not been contracted? There is no excuse for this amendment unless it is to divert money from transit and port. It is not a good time for any such proposition to be put seriously before the public. We had hoped we had passed that stage of obstructionism.

NOT WHOLLY UNPREPARED

WE ARE not wholly unprepared. Our bulging treasure chests are an imlement of war than which there is none more powerful. The wealth of England no less than her navy drove Napoleon into exile. We throw into the scales a might of wealth unprecedented. Never in all history has any nation, or any combination of nations, possessed such quantities of gold as we possess, and our other evi-

dences of wealth are enormous. The natural course of events since the opening of the war has compelled a financial preparedness such as no American ever dreamed of. So, too, our munition factories have become great reservoirs of supply. We are incomparably better off in this respect than England was, or even France. What we ask more than anything else is co-ordination of our might. We have all the things that an army or a navy needs, but, in a large sense, we have neither the army nor the navy. We can get both, and in Secretary Daniels's call that is what we are doing. The task is as definite as it shead is a difficult one, but there are starting the great assets concealed in our liabilities.

FIGHTING FOR

Democracy and Free Life on the Globe at Stake-Mad Imperialism and Autocracy Must Be Crushed

The patriotic rally of Saturday will be a pledge of our continued devotion to the cause for which we have been warring against German autocracy since

August, 1914. We know now that every food ship was in German eyes an armed ship. If we have made ourselves think that we have been neutral, we have never made Germany think so.

Though we are not to be one of the Allies, nor can ever be unless all the THOUSANDS of men lie needlessly dead Allies subscribe to the full measure of the liberties for which our forefathers gave their lives, we neverthless will pledge a redoubled effort for the cause of humanity and democracy which more and more whole-heartedly the Allies have made their single reason for continuing the conflict. It is time that our ingoes forget their sense of shame and humiliation that America did not strike sconer. She has been striking all along that the sources of supply be un- in that no movement to stop the feeding and munitioning of the Allies could ever gain headway against the feeling that Germany was the enemy of free institutions. To what end do we now move toward a more open espousal of armed democracy? To the end that the progressive and humanitarian spirit in civlization shall survive the onslaughts which Prassla has made upon it and which Prussia hopes to make upon if for years to come until either that spirit or Prussia is destroyed.

> The Barrier Against Tyranny One great stronghold, stands in the was of this mad imperialism-Amerlea. Her resources are intact and overflowing. We can thank God we have been kept out of the war's early stages, for now we see that we have been saved to be the hope of that progressive and humanitarian spirit-that spirit which has always been the genius of our race. We have been saved to be the hope of the white race, not only now, but in the years to come, when the immense labor of or gantzing permanent peace will tax all energies almost as severely as a world war-may indeed produce a sequel of reactionary war. Suppose Russia breaks, suppose Japan begins to doubt, suppose brothers-before or after an inconclusive peace is made-still would our untouched that money for skates" resources stand in the way of the Berlin terror. And even when that terror is no more, still must our resources be conserved to encourage the republic for which Liberal Germans are working Who knows but that we may some day have to stand up for that republic against some new reaction that may appear out-

More Than "Legal" Rights

There was good reason, to save ourdeclares that "if there ever was a time for shame that we waited and that when the friends of waterways should we even doubted certain of the Allies when bestir themselves that time is now." It they seemed imbued with the same spirit is the plain duty of the coming extra ses- of imperialism against which they were fighting. Even now we are to run no A bill should at once be passed and risk of exhausting ourselves. The stakes the veins of France and her allies just as we have been doing for thirty-two months, and with redoubled energy. We must fight for a free Ireland whilst we are fighting for a free England, whom we help with the knowledge that through our help we shall be in a better position to demand the same freedom for Irishmen in Ireland that they have here.' If the sacrifices we make for the cause of humanity are not so great as those of glorious France, who has bled herself white for the cause, that is all the more reason for giving what we do give unselfishly

We can no longer deceive ourselves that we are neutral or merely standing up for our legal rights. We have some 35,000 American citizens fighting on the western front. Our aviators destroy German aircraft. Our gunners stand day and night at their posts on our decks with their eyes strained for the sight of a hostile periscope. Do we do this for greed and tyranny? Does any one really believe that we are fighting for Morgan and his money?

Spirit of the State House

We have proved our purpose in the past. The Monroe Doctrine, for which we would have fought, was set up to defy not Europe, but the autocracies of Europe. Heaven knows it has not made South America an unqualified friend of ours. The very democracy we have sheltered there has opened that continent to the free endeavors of German subjects to create what enmity to us they could. And still we would fight for South Amer-

The little building at the north end of Independence Square has a right to send a great war-for-peace message to America and to the world. It is significant of the united spirit of this nation that the favorite son of that Far West which some have thought was out of key with the rest of the nation will voice the sentiment of the folk on the distant Pacific.

THE CZAR MEANT WELL

Stanley Washburn, who was in Russia from the beginning of the war until his recent return to his home in the United States from the Russian front, where he was special correspondent for the London Times, had an interview with the former Czar last November. At that time he had just completed his second book on Russia's activities in the war, "Victory in Defeat," and bore to the Czar a personal letter from the

Queen of Rumania. He says:
"In all of this disorder I think one not believe for a moment that the Czar himself was ever pro-German at heart, I have talked with him a number of times and know intimately innumerable of his alds. I think there has never been a better intentioned sovereign, but from in-fancy he has been surrounded with malevolent influences preying on him for their own profit. He soaked up autocracy with his milk and sincerely believed in it as the best government for Russia. Most of the evils done in his name he probably knew very little about. He is a kind, gentle, diffident personality with no desire for anything save the right.

Tom Daly's Column

NING LEGIFTE PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, MARKET 20.

A BOY'S DREAMS If I was twice my dozen years An' through with all my schoolin', You bet, in spite of mother's tears, I wouldn't stand no foolin', But off I'd go to join the war An' give my Alfred Davy-Since pirate captains sail no more-

But after I had learned the trade I'd say to Mr. Daniels: It seems to me you're all afraid Of Withelm's water spaniels.

For service in the navy.

Just stoic your fighters on the shelf; They're too blamed slow for my land, I'm going to run this thing myself, Yust like in Treasure Island,"

An' then I'd call my motley crew, An' all our salls unfurlin', We'd drive our rakish craft right to The palace wharf in Berlin, An' then I'd stride out from my ship With fire in my eye, sir; March up the palace steps an' tip

The black spot to the Kaiser!

At first he'd carry on like sin, But pretty soon I'd "ca'm" him An' call the undertaker in To stuff him or emba'm him. would not look for loot that day Nor be a pirate grafter, But just address the crowd an' say:

Anything that'll give a fellow a laugh on his way to work is a public benefac-We found just such a thing in a street car yesterday morning. It was that confectioner's ad, which begins:

"Let's all have peace hereafter!"

Sing a song of sixpence, An appetite for ple— The tasty, crispy, toothsome kind That tickles tongue and eye.

Dear, dear! The sight of that not only made our eye to dance, but it stretched our large mouth and thinks we: How times have changed and customs

Alas! the flying wears The hank o' pie our bouhood knew-It tickled both our cars!

For a Day

Charles E. Hughes, President. John Jay (Butch) McDevitt, millionaire. Mike Romanoff, Czar.

JACK RAPER runs a colyum in the Cleveland Press, but he was once a boy In that long ago he asked his father for the Moslems of India Join their Turkish skates. His father said, when he found out they'd cost \$2.50, "Good Lord, all

Jack's daughter asked him a short time ago for skate money. He said, when he found out they'd cost \$11. "Good Lord. THE VOICE OF all that money for skates?" She said he could keep the money and she'd get a cheap pair and pin a card on her back stating that she was Mr. Raper's daughter. She got the \$11.

In the Automat

She was a dainty miss, Pretty as she could be; Lips that were made to kiss; Coral from some south sca. Cheeks like a lily, yet Tinged with faint crimson dyes-Ah! When our glances met She dropped her eyes.

Fate then, the busy dame. Came to my rescue. Soon Blushing with bashful shame Each of us sought a spoon. There as we stood, some man, Pushing and crowding by, Jostled her arm and ran-She dropped her pic.

That was my cue. I spoke; Straightway she smiled. Ah me! Love in my heart awoke.

Dreaming of what might be Then to our seats we walked-Cold was her look as flint; But, as of things I talked. She dropped a hint.

Then in the crowded room, Biting the fancied bait; ushing to hopeless doom. Mocked by the hussy Fate-"Hoped we could meet again"-My fairy eastles flopped, She gave me one look and then Twas me she dropped.

VARLEY.

What is there about a violoncello that makes it a cynosure or its player a blushing violet? Doctor Stokowski is the central figure in the Philadelphia Orchestra, and therefore the cynesure-inchief, but sharing the magnetic middle of the stage with him loom the first and second cellos. Those two instruments always draw our eyes, to the distress or something or other of their players. They seem so terribly self-conscious. They attempt, it would seem, to cover their confusion by constant spasms of strenuous soulfulness and of eager attention upon the doctor's baton. They shake their golden (in one case) and raven (in the other) tresses; they flourish their bows; they look upon each other with smiles and nods of mutual approval. They do everything possible to break the hypnosis. to move our gaze elsewhere.

This isn't true of the present players only. All violoncellists are like that, There were two before these, with similarly assorted hair-a black-maned Dane and a large Teuton with fair thatch and beard Prithee, why?

ANYWAY, IT'S A FINE BOY Max Schatten, of the St. Louis Bar-House, has received the news that he has a fine baby boy at the home of Mrs. Z. Silverman, his mother-in-law, in Nashville, who he says he has named the same as his father. young Mr. Schatten live a long and useful life. -Athens, Ga., Contemp.

allowed to sit together in a row at a

middle man was Frank Anderson, a news-

"I was a-cruisin' up Schuylkill River way." writes Ben Bowline, "and hove to along shore at about Twenty-third (longitude) and Chestnut (latitude) when, shiver my timbers, matey! if I didn't run afoul of a cove as was a landlubber and proud of it. For this is what I spies: GEO. W. BUMM SALT An egregious error in our garrulous prattle about the "outfield of the Phillies

us like 1000 o' brick. "Fogarty, Anderson and Wood, says you!" sez he. "Andrews was his name, not Anderson!" To be "ALLY OF THE ALLIES" sure! We might have known, anyhow, To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: that the three outfielders would not be

banquet. We remember now that the

we would not dare tackle her, as with her strong fleet she could land 250,000 men and supplies on our coasts in less than a month, THE PEOPLE and thereafter pour in millions and the heavy artiflery, which we do not possess, and against which our small army would

be simply offered up as a sacrifice.

ounselors are gentlemen, not che

THE NULLIFIED COMMONS

In all the changes in British politics the

iggest and the most significant is the

abandonment of the tradition that the Brit-ish Premier is the leader of the House of

own followers behind him, and looking into

the eyes of the opposition, to frame and de-

fend and explain a policy which was the

House may question and debate and it

tice it is too depressed, too bored, too in

The reason is simple. The country has

nullity, and the House knows that the

equiesced in Mr. George's reading of its

country has acquiesced. The visible sign

of its acquiescence is that the press no longer troubles to give an intelligible or

impartial report of debates. Mr. Dillon in

a long and powerful speech made some startling revelations about the pressure

which prepared the unlucky entry of Ru-

charges and his questions were ignored

the New Republic.

Kelly poolster.

mania into the ranks of the Entente. His

the spokesmen of the Government, and they

were omitted in all the reports and sketches

of the daily press .- H. N. Brailsford, in

All Points of the Compass

Adventures in Repartee

WE HAD been to the theatre, where we saw a most remarkable production of

Lord Dunsany's "A Night at an Inn." that

curious little play where folks get them-

selves murdered every minute or so and

the place gets fair messy. We enjoyed the performance and swore a large dark blue

oath that we would never do anything

which might make our acquaintances wish

frame of mind when, coming from the the-

atre, we met Howard Crosby, the eminent

little knowing our mental agility.
"What with all the murders and blood

and everything," we retorted, "we consider

Sometimes we think there is no limit to

ON ANOTHER occasion we went with Herman Frist, the handsomest house

committee chairman in captivity, to see

That was what Uncle Bill Dockstader's

program said, though they were really from the Tenth Ward. Bill is a distinct

But be that as it might have been.

amorist when it comes to telling us what

way, we watched them with breaths more or less bated. "Pretty darned clever," says

Assuming our obiter-dicta attitude we replied quickly, "Yes, we consider it a fair representation of Terpsy Korean art."

Being reduced to a state of hopeless

Then we realized how difficult it is olks to observe the subtlety of our uless it is in prints—real plain prints

ome dancers who were natives of Korea.

"How did you like the play?" he asked,

to slay us. We were in a highly

it distinctly Dunsanytary.'

we are going to see.

Herman.

that conception of democracy is gone.

expression of the corporate

Hitherto his primary role had

in debate, in close contact with his

Philadelphia, March 23.

JAMES DEWRANCE.

If our submarine chasers work in the

war zone, they must use the Allied ports as

bases, which they would be very welcome

To talk of attacking U-boats and in the

KIDDING HIMSELF

A Criticism of Overstating Our Weaknesses-Flower Venders Defended

This Department is free to all readers who wish to express their opinions on subjects of current interest. It is an open forum, and the Evening Ledger assumes no responsibility for the views of its correspondents, Letters must be signed by the name and address of the writer, not accessarily for publication, but as a quarantee of good faith.

PEARY AND PREPARING To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir-Since the outbreak of European nontilities it has been a favorite game with medion-picture men, with writers and some politicians and retired officers to picture the defeat and total humiliation of the United States at the hands of some foreign in-vader. Do Peary and the rest think that they are true patriots when they blatantly advertise any failure of the country to prepare for possible war? Army and navy men know the real conditions, and the men on whose shoulders the hard fighting would fal; know the truth and are quietly working to improve our military conditions.

Those who so complacently picture our defeat and helplessness fail to consider one thing. The poet asked the question, "What constitutes a State?" and found that it is not "battlement or labored mount," it is not "rich navles," but "men, high-minded House. The pretense, even the fiction, of men." And we can add it is not subma-rines or aeroplanes, but men. And these may still vote. It might in theory rebe men are not preaching and crying that we are unprepared and would be annihilated in case of war. No, they are calmly and coolly polishing their swords and cleaning their rifles, ready when the call comes to do or die.

"Fondly do we hope, fervently do pray, that this mighty scourge of war may soon pass away." but we do not shrink and before Mars. While some join the late Secretary of State in his favorite an-"I Didn't Raise My Boy to Be a many more sing, lustily, "My "Tis of Thee" and "The Star Country. while mothers answer. 'America, Here's My Boy.

HENRY R. ZELLEY. Paulsboro, N. J., March 26.

FLOWER VENDERS

o the Editor of the Evening Ledger: Sir-Is there any valid reason for Diector Wilson's ordering flower venders to eep out of the business district? If so should like to hear it. I am one of the hundreds, or thousands, who cannot afford to spend much money for flowers, but can extract a great deal of pleasure nosegay costing a few cents, and I fail to see any good reason for my being deprived of that pleasure. Also it gives me almost as much pleasure to see these bright spots of color on our streets, and I know others can say the same. A great deal has been said and written about the picturesque flower sellers of Parls and other foreign cities, and I cannot see why Philadelphia should not enjoy the same

A TRUE FLOWER LOVER. Philadelphia, March 26.

THAT LOAN OF A BILLION To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

Sir-W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal Reserve Board, speaking his own opinion, declared that the United States way of insuring Uncle Sam's folks. So Mr. George is the insuring agent. I suppose that after we take out this policy America can then be contented till kingdom come? Was America's freedom purchased with a bit of gold? No, and I pray it never shall. It strikes me as queer that there are so many left-handed folks about and that we have a right-handed leader. Readily I admit Russia looks good. Nevertheless, the wrath that is being born is bound to live. Better if the money were given to the rebuilding of Mexico, which appears to in 1889" has brought Ed Dooner down upon be the same sort of thorn as Serbi Philadelphia, March 23.

morbundity, naturally. Herman couldn't think of anything to say till we were walking home after the performance, then he exclaimed, "Oh, hell, I get you!" Sir—Any fair-thinking man must be dis-custed by such an effusion as that of the gentleman who signs himself "Anti-Hum-

Where is Christopher Celumbus buried?'
What is the wealthiest nation in the world
and about what are the assets of its
national banks?
What famous American Inventor wa. same breath to assert that this is not a declaration of war shows a stupendous ignorance of current events and of Gernany's methods of procedure. National interests today are so interlaced nd complex that it is quite impossible to

6. What was the price paid for Masks and was it a good investment? 7. Who was Moses Ezekle!? define exactly where American rights begin Who wrote "The Taming of the Shrew"?
There are 1300 hien in China. What are and where they end. When Uncle Sam goes out to shoot burglars he does not mind if he pots a few who robbed his neighbors along with those who robbed him. There What are the "Stars and Bars"? never was, never can be and never will be

such a mean, small-souled policy followed by America as "Anti-Humbug" selfishly promulgates. President Wilson and his compactors are gentlemen, not theese-paying Answers to Yesterday's Quiz The United States army uses special 30-inch callbored Springfield rifles. United States marines are called "soldiers of the sea."

What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be anywered in this column. Ten questions, the anywers to which every well-informed person should know, are taked dails

QUIZ

What is the minimum height and weight for enlistment in the pays?

2. Why do Russian military leaders hall the

3. George V. King of England, is Emperor af,

4. A pood is a Russian unit of weight, equaling thirty-six pounds. 5. Frank Friday Fletcher is the American reur pumiral who seized the Vera Cruz custom

house.
The "paie of settlement" was a restricted area in Poland and south and southwest Russia in which the Jews were confined, few being allowed to leave on special limited passports. The revolutionists have abulished the pale.

7. Herman Bernstein is editor of the Amer-ican Hebrew and a leading Jewish writer. The Covernment owns the Transalaskan Railroad, 500 miles long, about 115 miles of which has been built. Better" is used in comparing two things;

mile (statute) is 5280 feet, a knot (statute) 8082 66 feet, making a knot equal 1.151 miles.

and assert its sovereign power. In prac-Jackson's Inaugural timidated, even to dream of self-assertion.

W. P.-Jackson's inauguration day cam in the spring of 1829. Such a concourse of Americans of every character flocked to Washington as at no previous or later in auguration. The ceremonies which at-tended the inauguration were of the simplest kind. No parade, none of the pomp and show of a military chieftain marred the day. At 11:30 o'clock Jackson proceeded to the Capitol on foot, uncovered and preceded by the central committee of the Dis-trict of Columbia. He was surrounded on the right and left by gigs, wood wagons, vehicles of every sort, crowded with men and women eager to be near the chief, and followed by the officers of his suite, worthies of the Revolution and hundreds of strangers without distinction of rank. Upon reaching the Capitol he made his way chamber and was inaugurated at the east portico. The customary address oc-cupied but a few minutes in delivery and ranks with the briefest in our history. The speech delivered, a cable that had been stretched across the steps was torn away. and with a wild shout the crowds surge up to grasp the President's hand. It was with difficulty that Jackson could make his way to a horse, mount it and ride to the

First Automobile

L. C.—Gottlieb Daimler, in 1885, produced the first vehicle propelled by oil fuel, a bicycle equipped with a one-cylinder in-closed-crank flywheel gasoline engine. The next year Carl Benz applied this motive power to a three-wheeled automobile. Steam utomobile vehicles had been built long before this. In 1680 Sir Isaac Newton pro-posed a steam carriage. In 1770 Nicholas posed a steam carriage. Joseph Cugnot built two steam carriages. In 1824-36 Walter Hancock developed the steam wagon successfully, but this type of automobile was abandoned.

A. F. S .- "The Star Spangled Banner," by Francis Scott Key, is by common ac-ceptance the national hymn, aithough Con-gress has never officially adopted it as such It is played in the army and navy as the national air.

Johnstown Flood J. R.--The date of the Johnstown flood was May 31, 1889.

"Two Ears of Corn"

E. D. E.—The quotation probably is the following from Swift's "Guiliver's Travels"!
"Whoever could make two ears of corn of two blades of grass to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before would deserve better of mankind and do more example. more essential service to his country that the whole race of politicians put together.

"Prepare for War"